



## Dell Rapids Lions Club

### We Serve

**DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING  
6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 4, 2024, at Pizza Ranch**

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President Robert Wiarda called the meeting to order; 23 Lions in attendance: Allen Brown, Ruth & Wayne Coffaa, Carolyn Drew, Tom & Connie Earley, Amanda Hein, Marlowe & Sue Hovey, Chuck & Barb Littel, Tom Ludens, Virginia Miller, Jody Morrow, Peg Nelson, Kathy Rindels, Zach & Carmen Rogen, Christine & Ron Snyder, and Darrold & Dianne Williams. Guests: Alinda Wiarda, guest speaker Kim Huber, her husband Clinton, and their children Aiden, Noah, Logan, and Aubrey.

**PROGRAM:** Kim Huber has the distinction of at one time being named the Disabled Veteran of the USA. She served 14 years in the military, including as a heavy equipment driver during a tour of duty in Iraq. "The best and worst times of my life came during my military service," said Kim. "On the day we arrived we saw barefoot and hungry children everywhere. On our last day, children were wearing school uniforms and shoes. They had backpacks and were no longer hungry. And they were signing 'thank you' and 'I love you' to us as we rolled out." Kim met her husband during that time in Iraq. Today Kim works with Vietnam veterans, and the family lives on an acreage just south of town, where they've established a petting zoo in recent years. Now they have ambitious plans to build a center that will include more activities for kids, an indoor playground with handicap-accessible equipment, space for teenagers to meet, a party room, and an area to help grow small businesses. Groundbreaking for this wonderful addition to our community will occur in the near future.

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES:** Motion to approve by Darrold, seconded by Marlowe; m/c.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion to approve by Carmen, seconded by Christine; m/c.

Activities Account: \$6,558.54

Business Account: \$3,028.95 Less the Lion Tamer's Drawing of \$504.00 = \$2,524.95

Less the New Member Account of \$276.39 = \$2,248.56

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Christine asked each member to think of people who would be good Lions, and to give her their names. (see attached)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** PANCAKE BREAKFAST: A 3-column wide ad was approved for publication in the Dells City Journal one week before the breakfast. Work assignments would be emailed to all members. — FEATHER FLAG: The new flag was on display in our meeting room — all nine feet of it. A round of applause went to Tom

L. for generously paying for it. The flag will be useful indoors and outdoors, drawing attention to our activities.

— PINEWOOD DERBY: Tom E. reported a highly successful event, much thanks to Scout leader Paige Thompson and the crew that set up the new track and software. Paige was given the like-new 8-lane track (originally \$8,000) by a Sioux Falls church that no longer was using it. There were 25 entries from kids and one dad who raced his childhood car from 25 years ago. — EMERGING LIONS

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: Carmen reported on her recent attendance at the event in Mahanomen, MN. Though the event was not in our district, Carmen said she had fun and that it was well worth her time and travel.

**NEW BUSINESS:** SCHOLARSHIP: Tom E. reported that applications would be picked up in April. He asked for volunteers to help in the judging process. The winner will be invited to our May club meeting. — BUSINESS CARDS: 100 cards for the Membership Committee; motion by Carmen, seconded by Christine, that the Business Account reimburse Sue for the cost of \$16.99; m/c. — CLUB PINS: Sue reported that only 12 club pins remain on hand out of an order last placed approximately 30 years ago. The cost of ordering more club pins from a company in Saskatchewan: est. \$5 each for 100 pins. Motion by Tom L., seconded by Marlowe, to table discussion until our next meeting. Sue sent out a photo of the pin to members. —



NEW CLUB SHIRTS: Amanda presented options from Ambush Apparel, a Sioux Falls company she is familiar with. The main advantages: price, multiple available styles, no minimum orders. The vendor would “open an online store” every few months or so and we can each purchase whatever shirt style we want. The vendor also prepared an optional “80th Anniversary” design for our consideration. Motion by Sue, seconded by Carmen, to table discussion until our next meeting; m/c. — HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Darrold and Dianne had club members sign a

card that was presented to Allen who would celebrate his 90th birthday on April 8th. There was also singing, of course. — DISTRICT 5SE LCIF RAFFLE: Motion by Sue, seconded by Carolyn, for the club to purchase five raffle tickets for a cost of \$100; m/c. — JUNE 6th MEETING: To be held at Dakota Lions Sight & Health, 4501 W. 61st St. N., Sioux Falls.

**LION TAMER'S DRAWING:** \$542 in the jackpot! 11 cards in the deck! Chuck's lucky ticket drawn! No, no, no! Not the 3 of Spades! Dang! The jackpot grows! The deck shrinks to 10!

Motion to adjourn by Marlowe at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Sue; m/c.

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Sue Hovey, Secretary